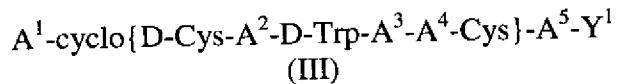


**Amendments to the Claims**

This claim listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously presented) A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog having the general formula (III)



in which:

$A^1$  is an optionally substituted aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acid;

$A^2$  is an optionally substituted aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acid;

$A^3$  is Dab, Dap, Lys, or Orn;

$A^4$  is  $\beta$ -Hydroxyvaline, Ser, Hser, or Thr;

$A^5$  is an optionally substituted aromatic D- or L-  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and

$Y^1$  is OH, NH<sub>2</sub> or NHR<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>1</sup> is (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl;

each aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acid being optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently selected from a halogen atom, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, CN, (C<sub>1-6</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>) alkenyl, (C<sub>2-6</sub>) alkynyl, (C<sub>1-6</sub>) alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl or NR<sup>9</sup>R<sup>10</sup>, wherein R<sup>9</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are each independently H, O, or (C<sub>1-6</sub>) alkyl; and

each nitrogen atom of a peptide amide bond and the amino group of  $A^1$  are optionally substituted with a methyl group, with the proviso that there is at least one said methyl group in a peptide of general formula (III);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or protected form, or a combination thereof.

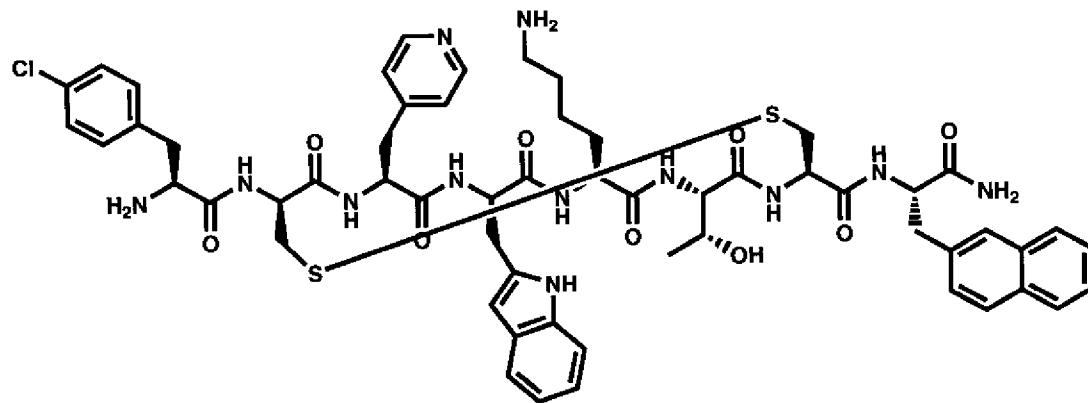
15. (Cancelled).

16-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein A<sup>1</sup> is Cpa, A<sup>2</sup> is Pal, A<sup>3</sup> is Lys, A<sup>4</sup> is Thr, and A<sup>5</sup> is Nal.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analog is Cpa-cyclo(DCys-3-Pal-DTrp-NMeLys-Thr-Cys)-2-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analog is:

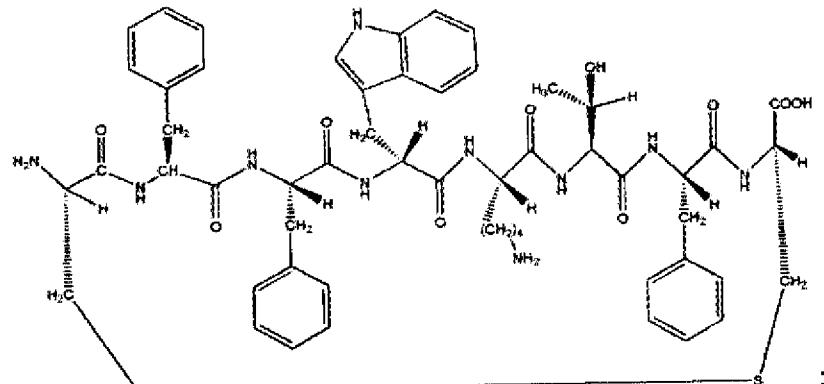


22. (Currently amended) A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog selected from the group consisting of:

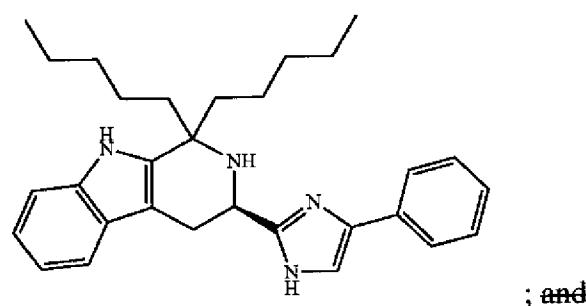
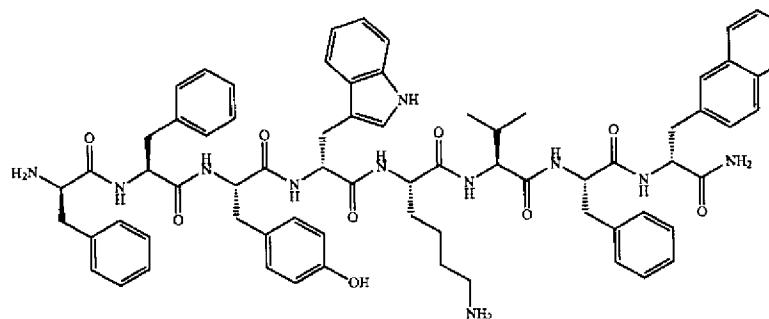
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Pal-D- Trp-N-Me-Lys- Thr-Cys]-D-Trp-NH<sub>2</sub>;

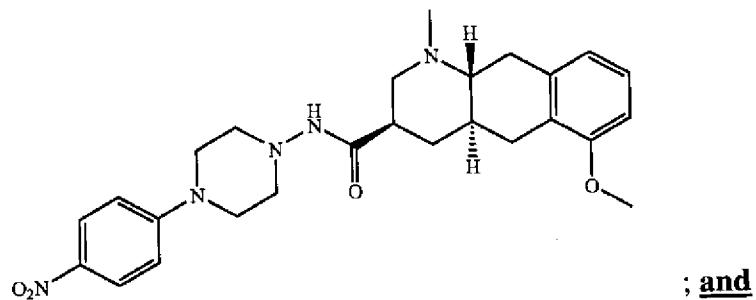
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Tyr-D-Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys ]-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D- Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys]- Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

acetyl-D-His-D-Phe-D-Ile-D-Arg-D-Trp-D-Phe-NH<sub>2</sub>;



Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]Cpa-amide;





; and

combinations thereof; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or protected form, or a combination thereof.